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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Application of
MICHAEL L. SCHWEISS

Serial No.: 09/783,960

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For: METHOD OF OPENING AND CLOSING
A BI-FOLD DOOR

Case Docket No.: S339.12.2

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests that this continued prosecution application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method of opening and closing an opening in a structure with a bi-fold door having first and second panels, means movably mounting the first panel on the structure, hinges connecting the first panel to the second panel to allow the first and second panels to be moved from generally vertically aligned positions closing the opening to side-by-side folded positions opening the opening, and door lift devices having rotatable members having a common axis of rotation operable to selectively open and close the bi-fold door comprising: [rotating the rotatable members with a power unit at a constant rate of speed,] connecting the rotatable members to one panel with elongated flexible webs, aligning each web normal to the axis of rotation of a rotatable member, maintaining the alignment of the web with the rotatable member to ensure an overlapping relationship of the web around the rotatable member, simultaneously rotating the rotatable member in one direction with a power unit at a constant rate

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